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The Foreword

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EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT

We are Unitarian Universalists! Unitarian Universalism is a religion! It's true! Even UUs have got religion - and we've got it good!

We believe that everybody is born blessed. We know deep in our bones that we are intricately woven into the web of all life - and we try to live that truth and encourage others to, as well. We share values that make up our faith and guide our living. We love and affirm the full spectrum of humanity. We teach our children that kindness matters.

UU Amherst is on an amazing trajectory of growth and wholeness. We have welcomed new families and people of all ages who are seeking a compassionate community that is focused on love and justice. Big claims, yes, but we can prove it; numbers don't lie. Our total attendance is up by 640 from last year at the same time. Did you read that??? Can you say, AMEN?

You have described UU Amherst as fun, loving, caring, sharing, serving, supporting, and giving. We are building and living all of that, together, week by week and year by year. Each brick on the path to wholeness has been purchased with love, some sweat, and even some tears. It's worth it. It's worth every hour, every paintbrush and vinegar spritzer, every pancake, and each new friend welcomed into beloved community.

Let's keep the momentum going! It's going to take heart, miles and miles and miles of heart (nod to the folks who get the reference). And it's going to take inspired giving on your part; giving that reflects your commitment to the life changing work we are doing together. The pledge drive is winding down, a budget must be created. You are at the center of all of that as you affirm your place in the amazing tapestry of love we are weaving. We need you to give and to give heartily (see my column on the next page).

Cheering us on!
Rev. Michelle

(See page 11 for budget allocation graphic)

Our Covenant

*Together we promise:
To gather in compassionate
community,
To celebrate diversity of thought and
unity of spirit;
And to seek wholeness for ourselves,
our children, and our world.*



Dear Friends,

Not a week goes by that I don't hear someone say to me, "You're a *full service minister!*" Usually it's because I've held a door open or done some other tiny kind act to be helpful. I enjoy doing these little acts of love, and truthfully, I'm not sure I could NOT do them.

You see, I was raised in a fundamental biblical tradition, which meant every bit of my life was infused with bible verses and related songs. One of those verses was Colossians 3:23.

"Whatsoever you do, in word or deed, do it heartily." For our in-house Bible scholars, yes, it ends with, "as to the Lord," but I think humans have the capacity for kindness without overlaying the face of a deity on those we serve. We can be kind and helpful and loving and giving and curious and sharing and caring people who believe that all of those qualities and actions are the building blocks of our faith and our humanity.

So I guess I am a full service minister (to a point). My challenge to all of us is to be a *full service congregation* and living our liberal faith out loud. Let's sow the seeds of kindness and nurture one another into our fullest potential.

With care,
Rev. Michelle

January Services

1/4 Bring Out The Cosmic Complaint Box Rev. Michelle

It's the beginning of a new year, a clean slate. Time to toss out the old to make room for the new year. Let's bring our grievances about the cosmos to the Cosmos in this interactive service.

1/11 Practicing Resistance: Fear Rev. Michelle

We know that fear is contagious; one small nudge can result in a stampede. The antidote to fear is compassion; for ourselves and others.

1/18 World Religions Day Rev. Michelle

Pluralism is one of our central values - but what do we really know about other religions? How can we be curious without appropriating? (The verb "appropriate" means to take something for our own use without the owners' permission.)

1/25 UU Commitment to Earth Stewardship Green Justice Team

CONTRIBUTING TO UU AMHERST

1. The **Giving** option on the church website (uuamherst.org)
2. A NEW phone app "**GivePlus+**" for your phone
3. Texting a donation to phone # **833 987 1968**
4. Mailing a check [remember to fill in the Memo]
5. There is the traditional Sunday Plate
6. Don't forget Legacy Giving - in your will

BOARD REPORT

January is the month the operating budget is put together by the Treasurer and Finance Committee who then present it to the Board of Trustees (BOT) for review and board acceptance. After the BOT has agreed upon the proposed budget it will be presented to the Voting Members of the congregation at the February 22nd Annual Meeting. They will then vote on whether to authorize the proposed budget or not.

To be a Voting Member one must have made and paid a financial contribution for 2025 and made a pledge of financial support for 2026.

This is important for two reasons:

1. This will continue, or establish, your status as a voting member so you have a say in how we run our church.
2. Most of our operating budget comes from the financial support of our voting members. Your past generous contributions have allowed us to grow our congregation by funding our programs, such as Faith Development and our staff including Rev. Michelle. We need your funding to continue and hopefully surpass our recent success.

—Randy Kent, Board Chair



ENDOWMENT TRUST — GENEROSITY GIFTS

There are many ways you can make a gift to the UU Endowment. Your support will insure the health of our congregation for future generations.

Build our TREE of support:

“We pick fruit from trees we did not plant. We drink water from wells we did not dig, This is as it should be, so long as we dig and plant for those who come after us.”

- Memorialize the life of a friend or loved one who has died
- Honor a special occasion
- Celebrate an Anniversary or Birthday
- Leave a bequest in your will
- Donate stock
- Designate your church as an insurance beneficiary
- Make smaller, periodic gifts through E-Giving

Every donation that is sent to the UU Endowment is tracked until you reach a milestone. You will be recognized at the annual meeting and your leaf will be added to our giving tree in the atrium. Recognitions are based on the lifetime of your generosity and can be earned over a period of time.

- ◆ \$500+ Orange Leaf
- ◆ \$2000+ Yellow Leaf
- ◆ \$5000+ Brass Leaf
- ◆ \$10,000+ Silver Leaf
- ◆ \$20,000+ Gold Leaf

Any Donation to Endowment will contribute to earning a giving leaf.

Be certain to indicate that your gift is for Endowment when generously donating.

The Endowment Trust is a separately incorporated subsidiary of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Amherst and is recognized in the IRS Code as a 501(c) (3) entity. The IRS identification number is 16-6411704.

—Eric Groat, chair, Barry Kent, Tamara Kofke, John Thompson, Dian Tucker



GREEN JUSTICE

Happy New Year!

Want to be Greener? You can be! The Green Justice Team is spreading information and enthusiasm for the next year's activities. We want to know about your ideas, interests, and experiences too. This month you can find us at a table by the parking lot windows in the Emerson Room after church with various information, ideas, questions, and more. We'd like to know who's interested in environmental stewardship. Who would like to get on the mailing list and attend a Zoom meeting to see what's cooking? New members are always welcome! Our ongoing interests include:

- National Park in Your Back Yard movement
- UU Amherst campus and how to improve it
- UU Amherst Green Sanctuary renewal
- Community projects to volunteer with
- Local organizations to partner with

The Sunday service on January 25 will be a meditation and encouragement for all of us to rethink our commitment to Earth stewardship.

—Wendy Scott

COVENANT CORNER

Beloved UUAmherst community,

As we begin a new year together, I am grateful for each of you and for the many ways you bring care, commitment, and love into our shared life.

In 2026, we will be continuing the process of renewing our UUAmherst Covenant. In February, we will move to a series of small conversations about our congregational covenant and the promises we make to one another about how we choose to be together in this community. These will include several in-person gatherings, at least two Zoom options, and both paper-based and online ways to participate, so that no one needs to attend a meeting to share their thoughts. Existing groups (such as committees and covenant groups) will also be invited to include brief covenant reflections as part of their agendas.

The goal of this work is simple: to ensure that everyone has a meaningful opportunity to have a voice as we reflect on who we are, how we live our values together, and whether the Covenant we proclaim in each service continues to reflect our shared understanding here in 2026. More details will be shared later in January.

Meanwhile, as you step into the new year, I invite you to reflect in a more personal way. You might consider crafting a personal or family covenant reflecting promises about how you wish to be together with mutual love and respect, grounded in our UU values, centering love, and setting expectations for how to lovingly navigate conflict when it arises. As Rev. Victoria Stafford writes: "Covenant is a promise I keep to myself, about the kind of person I want to be, the kind of life I mean to have, together with other people, and with all other living things."

May this season of reflection ground us, guide us, and draw us more deeply into beloved community.

In faith and with love, Kim Diana

AMHERST LITTLE FREE PANTRY

We've been the recipients of several food drives this holiday season (notably, North Presbyterian Church and Beth Tzedek Congregation) and are very well stocked on some items, but still short of others. Particularly needed now: jelly in plastic containers, cereal, soup broth, pasta sauce in cans or plastic bottles (\$1.29 at Wegmans), tuna in oil, and can openers (\$1.25 at Dollar Tree stores).

Use of the pantry has definitely picked up and we could re-stock at least twice a day (especially on weekends) if we had more volunteers. Even if you'd only be able to help occasionally. See one of the directors (Doreen Park, Meg Sabella, or me) to learn how to do this easy task.

Thank you to those who have made generous QCD (Qualified Charitable Donations) from their IRA, who donated in memory of Debby Berg's mother, Mary Galanis, and who used leftover health insurance FSA funds to donate OTC personal care items!

Remember to make checks payable to AMHERST LITTLE FREE PANTRY. (They can be dropped in the collection basket during the service, but we are a separate 501(c)(3) organization and don't want to make extra work for Camilla, UU Amherst's bookkeeper, by passing money through The UU's bank accounts.) Credit card and other electronic donations may be made via PayPal - <https://bit.ly/3AqbBUj> or Givebuttr - bit.ly/44ZpCmO as a one-time or recurring gift

—Marie Evans



Dare to Repair Event

This free event on Saturday, December 13, was a success, despite challenges of overnight snowfall. Twenty people from the community brought items for repairs, and all but 3 were repaired. It was inspiring to see the skill, ingenuity, and collaboration among the volunteers. The fixers loved the space in the Emerson Room and the fresh-baked goodies and coffee in the lobby, provided by Peggy/Mark Cook and Dian Tucker. Thank you to Laurie Kasnicki and Kim Diana Connolly for staffing the registration desk, and to A.J., Don Tucker, and the Kents for additional help with clean-up and restoring our spaces for Sunday.



UU AMHERST ONLINE STORE

shop.printyourcause.com/campaigns/uu-amherst-store

JANUARY 2026 CALENDAR

PLEASE NOTE: Some meetings are virtual-only) and some in-person only. See the notation after the meeting. Zoom links are provided by the group hosts or by request from the Office Administrator.

Room abbreviations: EM (Emerson Room); LR Living Room); Bul (Bulfinch-FD Wing); EC (Ecology Center); Murray Meeting Room (MMR)

Friday, January 2nd
7:00 pm: JAT Movie EM

Saturday, January 3rd
10:00 am: Lace Guild (rental) MMR
1:00 pm: Recital (rental) CH

Sunday, January 4th
12:00 pm: Amherst Little Free Pantry Meeting LR
2:30 pm: Shamanic Journey (rental) LR

Tuesday, January 6th
10:30 am: Leadership Dev & Nominating Comm EM
12:30 pm: Women's Group Lunch EM

Wednesday, January 7th
7:45 am: John Newman Mission (weekly-rental) MMR

Saturday, January 10th
9:30 am HBS Retreat (rental) BUL
1:00 pm: Rainbow Café MMR

Saturday, January 17th
9:00 am: Firewall EM/CH

Sunday, January 18th
12:00 pm: Rainbow Coalition Meeting LR
2:30 pm: Shamanic Journey (rental) LR

Wednesday, January 21st
7:45 am: John Newman Mission (weekly-rental) MMR
6:00 pm: Finance Committee MMR

Sunday, January 25th
12:00 pm: UU Amherst Book Group LR

Wednesday, January 28th
7:45 am: John Newman Mission (weekly-rental) MMR
7:30 pm: Board Meeting MMR

RECURRING: SUNDAYS

Sundays, January 4th-25th
9:15 am: Soulful Conversations LR
9:30 am: Sacred Singing Circle EM
10:30 am: Sunday service—in-person and livestream; coffee hour following

RECURRING MEETINGS:

UU Universe-ity Sunrise Sessions
M-F 8:30 am on Zadmin

All "tree" names are for Village groups

Mondays, January 5th-26th
7:00 pm: Tulip Crabapples Zadmin (weekly)

Tuesdays, January 6th-27th
12:30 pm: Women's Group Lunch EM (1/6)
Women's Group Zadmin (1/13, 1/20, 1/27)

1/13 (2nd Tue)
7:00 pm: Marlana's Covenant Group LR

Wednesdays, January 7th-28th
1/21 (3rd Wed)
1:00 pm: 3rd Wed Covenant Group Zoom
7:00 pm: Bofinger Covenant Group Zoom
7:00 pm: Northtowns Village Zoom

Saturdays, January 6th-27th
9:30 am: Sharing Circle Zadmin
7:00 pm: Birch Bunch Zadmin

Coordination of Caretaker Duties — January

Sun, Dec 28 - Sat, Jan 3 - Bruce Becker
Sun, Jan 4 - Sat, Jan 10 - Barry Kent
Sun, Jan 11 - Sat, Jan 17 - Dian & Don Tucker
Sun, Jan 18 - Sat, Jan 24 - Bob Johnson
Sun, Jan 25 - Sat, Jan 31 - Randy Kent



Soulful Conversations

Looking for connection with others on a deeper level than Coffee Hour? Or simply needing a place to “land” if you get to church early? Join Soulful Conversations in the Living Room starting about 9:15 am. Coffee and tea will be available. An inspirational writing, poem, or music will focus the gathering (feel free to bring one of your own). Conversations will follow. The group will break up in time for service.

Soulful Singing Circle

Come and sing with us every Sunday morning in the Emerson Room from 9:15-10:30 am before service. No knowledge or experience in music is needed.

Tuesday Women’s Group

This month our in-person meeting will be Tuesday, January 6th. We will meet in the Emerson Room at 12:30 p.m. Bring your lunch and a beverage. Other meeting dates via Zoom are: January 13th, 20th, and 27th. Zoom link provided by host Marge Marcille or Office Administrator.

Universal Restroom Project Update

We are ready to choose a countertop and floor tiles. Our contractor has given us the contact info for his preferred vendors and we need to meet with them and make decisions. After raising money for the project, this is the hardest part for me. After the contractor is done, we will put on the finishing touches as we have the funds. Thank you all for supporting this very necessary improvement to our campus. –Barbara Gauger Kent for the Universal Restroom Task Group



Ministry Train

Saturday, February 28th

9:30 am -12n

(in person, weather permitting)

The Ministry Train will arrive at the station and you are welcome to hop on! Be part of the action as the ministry team-leads (and others) come together to consider programming for the coming season. Have a voice and a part in these decisions.

Fall in Love with UU

February 14th, 9:30 am-12 noon

Yes, it’s time for another New2UU orientation! If you are new to Unitarian Universalism, to UU Amherst, or simply want a bit of a refresher and to make new friends, you are invited! RSVP to Rev. Michelle by February 10th.

Volunteer Sign Up Sheet 2026

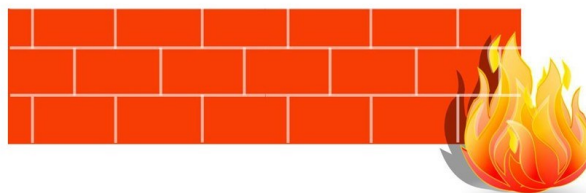
Volunteers are an essential part of Sunday service. Whether you can commit to one Sunday or more frequently, your assistance is meaningful! Use the link or QR code to access the sign-up sheet. <https://tinyurl.com/UUAm-Vol-Sign-Up-2026>



Firewall Meeting

Saturday January 17th@ 9:00 am

Unitarian Universalist Church of Amherst



Firewall is a coalition of Concerned Citizens who support Democracy and the Rule of Law.

Follow us on [YouTube: @FirewallUmbrellaWNY](#)

Check us out on Bluesky by clicking on the QR code. [Firewall451.bsky.social](#)

Firewall is a Political Action Group that is not affiliated with the UU Church of Amherst.

FAITH DEVELOPMENT

Katie Cosgrove, Director of Faith Development

The (Calendar) Year Ahead

I'd like to introduce a concept to you, if you're unfamiliar, called anti-fragility. Basically, the idea is that we, as living and growing humans, need emotional resistance in our lives to gain resilience. Originally, the concept came about by removing wind as a factor for tree growth and watching the trees fall/break after a certain point because there wasn't wind to force them to deepen their roots, and in turn, make them stronger.



It reminds me of the thread from our recent Vespers service at UU Amherst, where we explored the idea that grief, pain, and sorrow deepen our capacity to see and care about the world—if we let it. The same idea applies here. Anti-fragility *does not* equate to a lack of empathy!

In Faith Development, we're slowly going to be using the concept of anti-fragility in different ways. For the Youth, we'd love to provide some more tools for how to respond to facing resistance. What resistance are they seeing in their lives, world, etc., and how can we help give them tools to carry through with UU values?

And for our children, we have been testing out different activities where they might feel resistance (crafts that require patience, building things together with different energy levels, etc.). The key is doing so on purpose in a supportive, value-centered, and caring environment so they can safely work out feelings when they arise.

In line with that theme, I offer you a prayer for the month:

*Spirit of infinite names, Center of love, God,
Be with us in these heavy times. Help safekeep our tenderness and reinforce hope as we move forward. In holding each other, in not giving up, may our tears be prayers that uplift and transform despair into action centered in love. May we make our way out of no way, together.
Blessed be, Amen, Ashe.
– Vanessa Titang (UU)*

Roll Call: Our Whole Lives K-1 or 4-6

Parents & Caregivers: Are you interested in having your child(ren) participate in Our Whole Lives (OWL)? We would love to run either a K-1 (Kindergarteners & 1st Graders) or a 4-6 (4th-6th Graders) program in the spring.

If you're unfamiliar, Our Whole Lives is an age-appropriate sexual education lifespan curriculum that is grounded in cognitive development research as well as common physical changes and societal influences. The K-1 program specifically focuses on birth, bodies, safety, and families, while the 4-6 program delves more into principles and skills to express sexuality and gender through affirming, safe and healthy ways.

Nursery

We are thrilled and grateful to announce a new program for infants and toddlers! Candace Inge has graciously offered to be our Head of Nursery volunteer leading this new addition to Faith Development.

This program will be in the Potter Room. Also, to be in accordance with our safety policy, we require 2 adults per room so if you would love to volunteer some Sundays to hang out with some (in my unbiased opinion, very cute) babies, please get in touch with me (Katie) so I can connect you with Candace!

CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER RECIPES Provided by Christine Boczarska and Faith Pham

Christine Boczarska and Faith Pham are sisters and dedicated members of our Caring For One Another Team. They provide occasional meals to UU Amherst members on an as-needed basis. With the meal they generally include a “goodie bag” and a card on behalf of the Caring Group. Each month you’ll find one of their healthy recipes here in *The Foreword* often incorporating fresh vegetables and even gluten-free. This is a recipe from Mary Berry, renowned British chef. It’s simple and delicious. Enjoy! Christine.

Red Cabbage Bake

1 head of red cabbage, core removed, thinly sliced and finely chopped
1 large onion, diced
1 large apple, cored, with skin on, chopped
2 cups apple juice or cider
1 cinnamon stick
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
1/4 teaspoon allspice
4 tablespoons butter



Boil above chopped ingredients with spices and apple juice until limp, about 10 minutes, in a Dutch oven. Cover the pot and put in the oven for 3 hours at 325 degrees. When done, remove cabbage mix from pot, retaining the liquid. Discard the cinnamon stick and put cabbage mix in a serving dish.

Add 4 tablespoons of butter to the pot with the remaining liquid and boil gently to thicken. Pour the thickened sauce over the cabbage and serve. The resulting dish is a wonderful glossy red, to dress up any meal.

UU AMHERST BOOK GROUP

UU Amherst Book Group meets last Sunday each month, at noon in the Library/Living Room, and we alternate between the same common read book and a topic for which readers choose their own material.

For December 28, our book is *The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World* by Robin Wall Kimmerer. Only 128 pages! It's one of those impactful "little books" that Rev. Michelle loves.

For January 25, our topic is "New Beginnings." Select and read any book that you think fits the topic, whether fiction or nonfiction. Our discussion is open to all, whether or not you have a book to report about.

You might find a suitable choice among the Used Books on the white shelving in the Library/Living Room are available for a free-will donation of any amount. Proceeds benefit Amherst Little Free Pantry. Check out the free Lending Library, too. Those books are on the brown shelves in that room and in the glass cabinet in the Emerson Room. Sign them out in the spiral notebooks at either location

—Marie Evans



Extra Pair of Hands

Looking for a way to help out at UUAmherst? Taking part in our “Extra Pair of Hands” program is a great way to help out and get to know people. You can be a Worship Weaver, Greeter, Kitchen Crew, Coffee Clean-up, or FD* Friend. Get more information at the Welcome Desk.

SAFETY TASK FORCE

Fire Drill Sunday, January 11th

The work of the Safety Task Force continues with establishment of a Safety Team of volunteers to act in the guardian role during emergencies. We need to test our plan for an emergency evacuation of our church and we will do this on Sunday, January 11th near the end of service.

We will not be sending you outside in the cold that day but we will want you to proceed to the exit points you are directed to by members of the Safety Team and line up at them so we can see how the plan works and look for ways to improve it. As most of the congregation will be in the chapel we will be instructing you in the procedures there that morning. Other team members will be going through the rest of our building to make sure no one is left behind. Faith Development will also be participating in this drill.

In order to make this work we need your cooperation, below are a few things to keep in mind.

- Emergency situations vary, so we have to be flexible. If it's a fire, where is it and which exits are best; if it's a threat by a person, are they in the building or outside of it.
- We are fortunate to have First Responders, Fire, Police and Ambulance services nearby. **DO NOT GET IN YOUR CAR AND TRY TO LEAVE CAMPUS AS YOU WILL LIKELY BE BLOCKING THE FIRST RESPONDERS VEHICLES.**
- We will need to have Traffic Wardens assigned for future emergencies.
- If you have children in the Faith Development wing and we are evacuating the whole building, do not run to the FD wing. They have an exit close by and our FD people will need to account for all the children in their care.

There will be more updates in advance of the fire drill.

Our evacuation plan requires a dozen Safety Team members so we need about twice that number on the Safety Team for an actual emergency as most of us are not at church every Sunday. We are looking for more volunteers, so please join us.

I look forward to another successful year for our congregation and a happier year for us all.

—Randy Kent, BOT Chair



Gifts from Wish Lists from all 15 children were delivered to Gateway on December 9. Thank you to Suzanne Christ, Hilary & Peter Terhune, Dian Tucker, Susan Sherman, the Connollys (Kim Diana, Tayte, and Simon), Marjorie Buscher, Pat Burke, Steve & Michele Bjella, Ellen Moomaw, Beverly

Zehnder & Randy Kent, Kayla Savitt, Elaine Krempholtz, Marlana Rice, Joe Schretzman, Sharon Lobello, Debbie Jacobi, and Ruth Bowen for providing gifts or funds.

HELP WHEN YOU NEED IT

This is a reminder that if you are experiencing financial hardship, you can reach out to Rev. Michelle, minister@uamherst.org, for assistance from the Minister's Discretionary Fund. This Fund is made possible by the generosity of fellow congregants, and just one more way we demonstrate that no one is alone. We care for one another.

JUSTICE ADVOCACY

The Team held its annual review on December 14th and outlined the events and goals for the coming year. We will continue with the successful support of the community Firewall group, the Rainbow Cafe, and the Mindful Movies. You will be seeing more advertisements internally as well as online for these events. As our supplies are running low (hoorah!), look for upcoming Rock/poster making parties in the coming months. And we will be looking for volunteers to help with voting education and the Pride Parade event. It looks to be a busy year as we continue our education and advocacy efforts. —Peggy/Mark Cook

RAINBOW CAFÉ

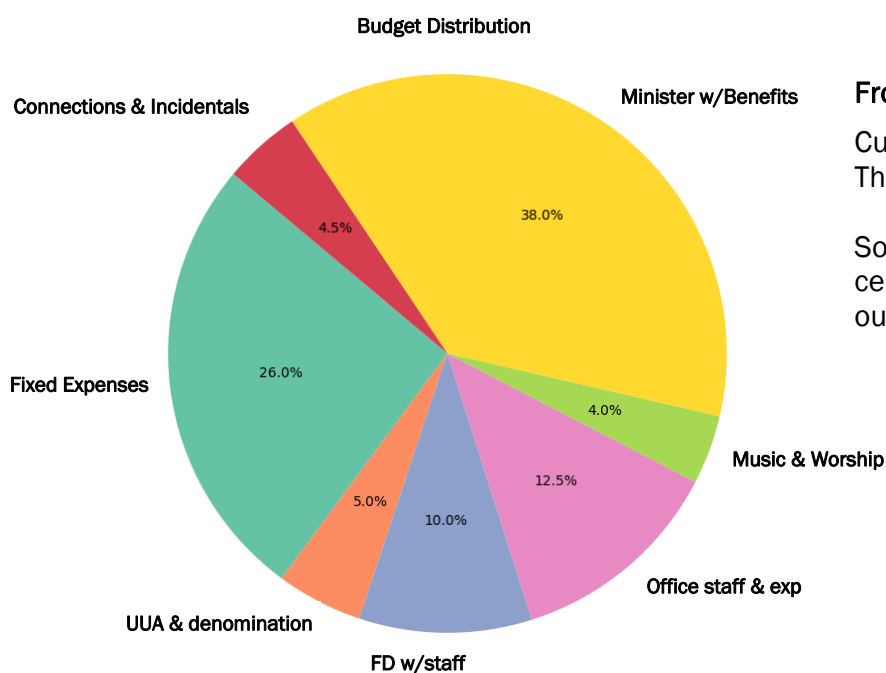
The Rainbow Cafe in December was a posh event of Afternoon Tea with custom tea blends, homemade scones and clotted cream, delicious baked sweets and finger foods, and beautiful guitar ambiance to make this winter holiday event extra special. Everyone had a delightful and connecting time.

SCHEDULE CHANGE: Beginning in January, Rainbow Cafe will be moved to the **SECOND SATURDAY** of every month from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

All queer folx and allies are welcomed at our next Rainbow Cafe- January 10, 2026 1pm-3pm in the Murray Room. —April Starr

CLOTHING MINISTRY

2025 was a very active year in the Clothing Ministry. As well as keeping the clothing pantry rack and cabinet fully stocked with seasonal clothing and accessories, we also donated items to the Colvin Cleaners Prom event as well as the local Afghan Refugee community. We welcomed Buffalo Youth, the Rainbow Cafe participants and the Holiday Buy Nothing participants to shop “Out of the Closet”. Church members are also welcome to shop. We continue to receive positive input for our efforts. We couldn’t do it without your generous donations. Winter clothing, especially warm coats and mittens, is especially needed now. Come talk to us if you want to be more involved. Many thanks from Dian and Don Tucker; Pam and Jerry Kent; Barry Kent and Barbara Kent Gauger; and Kathy Moriarty. —Barbara Kent Gauger



From Front: Budget

Curious how contributions are allocated?
This chart shows 2025 expenditures.

Sorry, contributions cannot be earmarked for certain areas of congregational life. We trust our finance folks to make it all work.



**2026 Annual Meeting
of the
Unitarian Universalist
Church of Amherst**

Sunday, February 22, 2026

Starting At 12:00n

In-Person & Live Remote Via YouTube

**Advance Registration Required
For Remote Participation!**

**Scan This QR Code Or Contact
The Church Office By 2/20/26!**



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